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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Application of :  
Kenji KATO et al. :  
Serial No. 09/582,903 : Group Art Unit: 2627  
Filed: August 11, 2000 : Examiner: Tan X. Dinh  
For: NEAR-FIELD OPTICAL HEAD :  
HAVING TAPERED HOLE FOR  
GUIDING LIGHT BEAM : Docket No. S004-4034 (PCT)  
(As amended) (RCE)

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MS AMENDMENT  
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RESPONSE

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In response to the Office Action dated July 2, 2008,  
applicants amend their application as follows:

ADDITIONAL FEES:

No additional fees are believed required in  
connection with this response; however, should it be  
determined that a fee is due, authorization is hereby given to  
charge any such fee to our Deposit Account No. 01-0268.

MAILING CERTIFICATE ON PAGE 16